



## RESERVE PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

**March 2007**

***The Proud, The Prepared, The First***

**Issue LXXI**

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### **From the Desk of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Reserve Affairs**



February was a busy and unusual month.

It was unusual in that for the first time in years I convened a Captain's Mast to hear a case involving one of our reserve members, a case that resulted in disciplinary action.

I bring this up as a reminder to everyone

that when we are on duty we are subject to the UCMJ.

Furthermore, we are expected, in a less formal way, to adhere to the Coast Guard's core values: Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty. This individual lapsed in both regards and now carries a black mark in an otherwise sterling service record. This sort of thing hurts the organization, hurts our shipmates, and can destroy a career.

So, the next time you find yourself drifting off during general military training on the UCMJ, pinch yourself awake. The UCMJ applies to all of us. I expect not only that reserve members

will comply with it, but that reservists in leadership positions will enforce it.

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I recently attended the national meeting of district SRO's in Washington. Among the big issues was the reserve budget.

The issue is this: Reservists nationwide have been improving their attendance at IDT drills. This is a result of a nationwide push to get our members to perform their duty completely and in a timely fashion. The irony is that, because of less than perfect attendance in the past, IDT drills are not funded at 100%. So the closer we get to perfect IDT attendance, the closer we get to creating a funding crisis.

This is not for you or me to fix. You and I will continue to push for 100% IDT performance. When we have it, we will have a very strong case to bring to headquarters and to Congress that (1) we need additional funding and (2) it may be time to consider growing the Coast Guard Reserve. So keep the flame turned up.

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On 10-11 March the D1 Senior Reserve Leadership-your SRO's and Sector Command Chiefs-will meet in Boston. On the agenda is, as always, reserve readiness. We will look at improvements over the last year in "Individual Readiness" metrics-Dental, Physical, ASQ, and Weigh-in. The improvements have been considerable, and we will look at strategies for preserving our gains and closing remaining gaps.

We will also look at "Training Readiness," i.e., IDT and AT attendance. We still have something on the order of 10% or more of D1 reservists who are not participating at satisfactory levels. Here again, we will look at strategies for improving participation or, for those who will not or cannot participate, separating them from the service.

Finally, we will take up a new area in reserve readiness, completion of CPRL competencies. CPRL-the Contingency Personnel Requirements List is, and has been, a mess for a long time. One of the biggest problems with it is that few understand it. If you just found yourself

wondering, "What's CPRL and why do I care?" then you have just illustrated the point. Roughly speaking, CPRL is the list of "competencies" we need to bring when mobilized to address a major emergency. The competencies that you are required to attain are (in most cases) listed on your personal page on CG Central.

Currently CPRL competency completion looks like it's at about 20-25%, at least according to available electronic data. That doesn't look *Semper Paratus* or even partly *paratus*. The Senior Reserve Leadership will look into strategies for improving this, both by getting individuals to complete their required competencies and-as big a problem or bigger-ensuring the electronic data reflects reality.

- *Captain Frank Mullen*

### **Scheduled Requirements**

#### *Due in March*

Annual O-1 OERs;

Biennial O-5 OERs;

Enlisted Performance Evaluations of E-4 members.

#### *Due in April*

Semi-annual weigh-in of all members;

Annual O-6 OERs;

Biennial O-4 and W-4 OERs;

Enlisted Performance Evaluations of E-5 members.

### **CG Scholarships Offered**

*ALCOAST 009/07  
COMDTNOTE 5760  
5 January 2007*  
Applications for the 2007-08 academic school year are being solicited for the following scholarships:

- Arnold SOBEL Endowment Fund;
- CG Foundation Scholarship Fund; and,
- Captain Ernest W. FOX Perpetual Scholarship Program.

Dependent children of enlisted personnel in the Coast Guard Reserve, currently on extended active duty 180 days or more, are eligible.

These grants provide up to \$5,000 per school year. Major considerations for the selection of awardees include:

- Scholastic promise;
- Motivation;
- Moral character;

- Leadership qualities; and,
- Good citizenship.

Application Deadline:  
15 March 2007.

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### **Awards Solicitation**

*COMDTNOTE 1500  
5 January 2007  
ALCOAST 006/07  
(LULAC)  
ALCOAST 007/07  
(FAPAC)  
ALCOAST 008/07  
(IMAGE)*

Nominations are now being solicited for:

- League of Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Excellence in Military Service Award;
- Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Military Meritorious Service Award; and,
- National Image Incorporated (IMAGE) Meritorious Service Award.

Award criteria are outlined in the cited ALCOAST messages.

Nomination deadline for all awards is 16 March.

Point of Contact for all awards is  
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### **ADSW/EAD/TAD**

[CGC MUNRO: \(2\)](#)

[ET2/3 OR SNET](#)

[SPANISH SPEAKER IN](#)

[SUPPORT OF](#)

[HEADQUARTERS](#)

[PUBLIC AFFAIRS: E-7](#)

[TO O3](#)

[PACAREA TACTICAL](#)

[LAW ENFORCEMENT](#)

[DETACHMENT \(HS2](#)

[OR ABOVE\)](#)

[MLCA \(FCP-2\): E5-O2](#)

[COMDT \(CG-131\):](#)

[RESERVE](#)

[ADMINISTRATION](#)

[SPECIALIST](#)

[CG-3PCP-3: E5 OR E6](#)

[CG-3PSO-4: O2-O5](#)

[CG-3RPP-4: O4/O5](#)

[CG-3RPP-4: NON-CONSECUTIVE ADSW-AC](#)

[CGC EAGLE 2007](#)

[CARIBBEAN](#)

[DEPLOYMENT](#)

[COMDT CG-6: CWO  
OR O2/O3 WITH C4  
AND IT  
BACKGROUND](#)

[HURRICANE KATRINA  
BACK FILL REQUEST  
FOR SECTOR NEW  
ORLEANS SALVAGE  
ISCSN-203](#)

[COMDT CG-6: CWO  
OR O2/O3 WITH C4  
AND IT  
BACKGROUND](#)

[SECTOR NOLA: SKC-  
SK2](#)

[TRACEN CAPE MAY:  
SKCS-SK1](#)

[TRACEN CAPE MAY,  
NJ: SK \(SK1, SKC, OR  
SKCS\).](#)

[CGC HEALY: HSC/1/2.](#)

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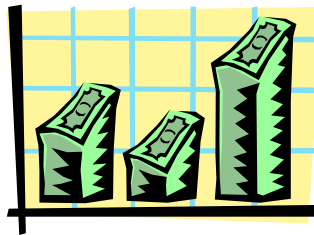
[PERSONNEL SERVICE  
CENTER: YN.](#)

[RESERVE  
STOREKEEPER:  
SK1/2.](#)

[CG-3PCV-1: E6-O4](#)

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PROJECT ENGINEER](#)

### TSP Ticker



#### February 2007

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| C | (-1.95%) |
| F | +1.53%   |
| G | +0.34%   |
| I | +0.18%   |
| S | (-0.26%) |

#### Last 12 Months

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| C | +12.05% |
| F | +5.60%  |
| G | +4.98%  |
| I | +21.11% |
| S | +12.27% |

#### February 2007

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| L 2040   | (-0.64%) |
| L 2030   | (-0.49%) |
| L 2020   | (-0.38%) |
| L 2010   | (-0.14%) |
| L Income | +0.16%   |

#### Last 12 Months

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| L 2040   | +13.28% |
| L 2030   | +12.25% |
| L 2020   | +11.34% |
| L 2010   | + 9.34% |
| L Income | + 6.99% |

### TSP Fund Balances

Nearly seventy cents of every dollar invested in the Thrift Savings Plan is in either the (super safe) treasury securities G-fund or the common stock C-fund.

Fund balances as of the end of December 2006:

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| C | \$73.3 billion |
| G | \$69.3 billion |

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|---|----------------|
| I | \$20.5 billion |
| S | \$15.9 billion |
| F | \$10.0 billion |

There are 3.7 million participants in the TSP including more than half a million military members.

### Closing Quote

*"The Coast Guard Reserve remains among my top priorities this year as indicated in my Commandant's Intent Action Orders which include a comprehensive review of the Coast Guard Reserve component mission support system that will optimize use of our reserve component while improving training and administrative support.*

*"This will lay the foundation for a Coast Guard Reserve always ready for all hazards, all threats in the maritime domain."*

Admiral Thad W. Allen  
Commandant  
On the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the Coast Guard  
Reserve  
(February 2007)

**KEEP UP THE  
GOOD WORK!**

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